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Dave Whitley (right) and colleagues pictured during their 24-hour sponsored fundraiser in aid of The Firefighters Charity

Firefighters tackle London marathon with a difference!

A TEAM of firefighters based at Skelmersdale completed a 'triathlon' with a difference to raise funds for a cause that's close to their hearts.

They staged a sponsored 24-hour marathon involving rowing, running and cycling - without leaving their Tanhouse Road headquarters!

The crew used the station's stationary running, bike and rowing machines to clock up around 200 miles - the equivalent of travelling from Skelmersdale to London! - to raise funds for The Firefighters Charity.

Dave Whitley from Skelmersdale Fire Station said: "Every year the station holds an event which raises money for various charities and local good causes.

"The Firefighters Charity is not funded by any fire service and relies on the kind donations of the public.

"It provides essential support to firefighters and their families with physical injuries and/or mental health problems.

"Without firefighters and others holding such events and raising awareness of this great charity it would not exist."

FOOTBALL CLUB LAUNCHES FIGHTING FUND

Report by **Henry James**

Fans and rival clubs rally round as Skem United battle to secure immediate future

A FUNDRAISING campaign set up by Skelmersdale United to help secure the immediate future of the 135-year-old club raised nearly £3,000 in a matter of days.

The club has set up a Just Giving page and have reached almost a third of their £10,000 target to fund their ground-share arrangement at Prescot Cables' Volair Park for the rest of the season and to cover the cost of travel to longer distance away games.

And club officials have also told the Champion that they are in discussions with West Lancs Council with a view to buying or leasing plots of land in Skelmersdale for a new ground. One of these is at Blaguegate.

Meanwhile they are also in contact with the Football Association exploring the possibility of obtaining grant funding.

Among the grants offered by the FA is the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, which can make awards of up to £150,000.

The fundraising campaign has been set up and run by media officer Simon Driscoll after the club was locked out of their former home ground at the Uretek Stadium, weeks before they were due to leave.

Mr Driscoll said: "The club's early exile from the Uretek Stadium in October meant that expected funds from match day revenue and sponsors had to be found elsewhere.

"Such finances are needed for the club to afford their ground-share at Volair Park for the rest of the season and cover the cost of coach travel to long-distance away games, although the latter won't really be an issue until the trio of away trips to Ossett Town, South Shields and Scarborough Athletic in February."

Scarborough Athletic organised a bucket collection for Skelmersdale United at their recent home game against Trafford, spearheaded by young fans Josh and Oliver who can be found at @MiniSeadog on Twitter. The amount collected is expected to be revealed shortly.

Also, during the club's 3-0 win over Ossett Town in their first game at Prescot long-term supporters, The Alfie Lund Fund, organised a bucket collection of their own.

And the club has also received donations from fans of Ashton United, Stourbridge, Dulwich Hamlet (who are in a similar situation to Skem), South Shields, York City, Gresley, recent hosts Marine AFC and Prescot Cables, as well as Southport director, Phil Hodgkinson.

Simon Driscoll said: "The club wishes to thank all who have rallied to our cause, be it those donating to the fund or the volunteers who give their time running the club both on and off the pitch. #UnitedWeStand."

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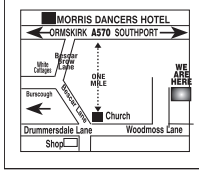

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Arriva bus drivers set to step up strike action in December

Unions plan nine days of disruption to services in run-up to Christmas

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Arriva bus-users throughout the region face further disruption as strikes are set to continue during December

ARRIVA bus drivers are set to stage nine days of strikes in December after talks to avert action broke down on Friday.

A series of one-day strikes have already been held with the next one due on Monday, November 27.

Further strikes are now planned for Monday, December 4; Thursday, December 7; and from Tuesday, December 12 to Thursday, December 14; and Wednesday, December 20 to Saturday, December 23. During these times there will be no Arriva bus services operating in the region.

A joint union negotiating committee from GMB and Unite met with Arriva bosses last week but the strikes look set to continue after the company were accused of making an 'insulting' final pay offer of just 1p per hour higher than the previous offer.

'Affordable'

Both unions will ballot their members this week on the new offer, with a strong recommendation to reject it. If the offer is rejected, the strike action will go ahead.

Eddie Parker, GMB organiser, said: "This below inflation offer is an insult to GMB's Arriva members, to the people in the areas where Arriva operates; and to the businesses and commuters who will be affected by further strike action.

"GMB and Unite believe the joint pay claim is affordable given the high profitability of Arriva North West. To put that into context the highest paid director in Arriva North West has more money out into his pension each year than the average annual pay of a bus worker in the region.

"The unions will be balloting their members on this offer with a strong recommendation to reject. The current published strike days will go ahead as planned."

Arriva North West managing director, Phil Stone, said: "Arriva tabled a further improved and final offer for our drivers. We have listened to the union and responded positively by offering a one-year pay deal that ensures the hourly rates of all our drivers remains highly competitive within the industry.

"The offer for Merseyside is 2.6% rising to 3% after six months. This is now the fourth improved pay offer that Arriva has made since commencement of the strike action. It is a fair pay deal for our drivers, and one that, importantly, ensures the long-term sustainability of the business going forward.

"In the interests of our drivers and our customers, we have recommended that the union undertakes a confidential postal ballot for the membership facilitated by ACAS, the costs of which Arriva will cover. But the union have declined this, and have confirmed they will be doing a consultative ballot at each garage next week.

"The union has planned 11 more days of disruption for our customers. We hope this generous pay offer will be accepted and bring an end to the strike action."

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Campaigners in call for a total eclipse of The Sun!

Report by **Henry James**

A CAMPAIGN group has been set up to stop a national newspaper being sold in Skelmersdale.

Clare Hargreaves, 55, from Castlehey, and three others have launched the campaign called Skem Against The S#n after seeing the paper being sold in Asda in the town.

They were at the supermarket on Saturday (November 18) with a banner, a petition and flyers, which people could take to the store manager asking for the paper to be taken off the shelves.

The petition has collected more than 1,000 signatures already.

Clare said: "We want to see the paper off the shelves in Skelmersdale.

"We are starting with Asda. If we are successful with that store, this could have a knock-on effect with smaller independent stores who will want to do the same.

Clare, Alan, Francine and Andy on their campaign aginst The Sun newspaper being sold in Skelmersdale

Support

"It will take as long as it takes. We have set up a steering group and there are four of us on it. We are from Old Skelmersdale, Ashurst and Digmoor.

"We are against the paper for a number of reasons. The main reason is for their reporting of the Hillsborough disaster. There are families from Skelmersdale who lost relatives at Hillsborough.

"Other factors include the way it portrays women.

"It is just an atrocious paper, and I am struggling to say anything positive about it."

The group has had the support of West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper and borough councillors, including Terry Aldridge and Claire Cooper.

Total Eclipse of The S#n, which also wants the paper banned, has also backed the campaign, as have Margaret Aspinall and Sue Roberts of the Hillsborough Family Support group.

Clare added: "We have asked Asda in Skelmersdale to remove the paper from the shelves but they have not, as they have said they have had no previous complaints. However, people have told us on social media that they have complained about this and nothing has been done.

"The paper is banned from all Asdas in Liverpool, so why not in Skelmersdale which has a big connection with the city?

"We know people who work in store who don't want to handle it.

"The council has recommended that the paper not be sold in newsagents in West Lancashire and has written to them.

"However they cannot stop places selling the paper. If all Aldi stores in the North West do not stock the paper, why can't Asda do the same?"

The group has persuaded pubs to put their posters up, as well as shops in the Concourse.

Skem Against The S#n has had a banner donated to them by N Vision who have also produced leaflets for them at a reduced cost. They also have the support of the Engine Rooms in Old Skelmersdale.

An Asda spokesperson said: "Some products divide opinion but we will keep listening to customers' opinions and monitor sales of the Sun there."

Police plea to public in bid to trace wanted man

LANCASHIRE Police are seeking the public's help in tracking down a number of individuals - including a man from Skelmersdale - wanted in connection with abuse crimes.

Operation Montford is a force-wide project operation that focuses on locating and arresting outstanding wanted persons who have subjected their victims to domestic abuse, serious sexual offences and child abuse.

Glenn Stunt, 24, from Skelmersdale is wanted for domestic abuse-related criminal damage to a door in Alderley on Tuesday, November 7.

He is described as white 6f tall and of medium build with cropped, light-brown and clean shaven.

Police say Operation Montford is aimed to "reduce vulnerability and maximise quality positive outcomes."

Additional resources will be dedicated to locating those who are outstanding for these specific criminal offences or those who are wanted on warrant, with the origin of their offending being domestic abuse, serious sexual or child abuse.

Lancashire Constabulary's head of crime, Detective Chief Superintendent Sue Clarke said: "Robustly dealing with individuals who have committed these offences, supporting victims and preventing further offending remains a force priority and a key part of our everyday business.

Glenn Stunt

"The operation gives a clear message that this type of offending will not be tolerated and emphasises our commitment to ensuring the safety of the community we serve."

The operation will continue over the forthcoming weeks, maintaining a focus on these force priorities but will also expand into wider wanted offenders with priority given to those who pose the greatest risk and threat.

Skem technology company wins major prize at Energy Institute awards

A SKELMERSDALE-based technology company has won a major prize at this year's Energy Institute Awards.

Extreme Low Energy (ELe), which recently moved to new headquarters on the East Gillibrands industrial estate, was presented with the 2017 Energy Institute Innovation Award by former Rugby World Cup winner, Matt Dawson at a ceremony in London.

The company's project to install revolutionary, low-energy PCs at two Merseyside schools was hailed by the Energy Institute's judges as this year's most innovative - beating competition from both UK and overseas companies.

Mark Buchanan, founder and owner of ELe, said: "We're delighted and proud to have received this significant award for innovation and recognition from the Energy Institute, having beaten strong competition from the UK, Canada and the Middle East.

"Our project related to reducing energy consumption for ICT in schools, delivering a simplified, more manageable, ICT suite and offering new learning and teaching opportunities alongside a richer digital experience.

"ICT infrastructures are already responsible for a significant proportion of electricity consumed, typically around 25% of an organisation's energy usage, so we looked to develop a solution to help schools address these challenges whilst fulfilling the increasing technological demands of the curriculum."

This latest recognition follows previous award wins for ELe in the GREAT Faces of British Business Competition, Merseyside Innovation Awards and Liverpool Echo Green Champions Awards.

Efficient

The project saw ELe and its partner, Hi-Impact, work to install a DC infrastructure and overhaul the existing computer systems within Wirral primary schools Bedford Drive and Holy Trinity, significantly reducing their energy usage and carbon footprints.

ELe's DC micro-grid systems for schools typically run on 70% less energy than existing technologies and, when combined with the firm's patented battery systems, the combined solution allows for the most efficient adoption of alternative energy solutions, eliminating the need for mains electricity and allowing customers to operate either partially or fully off-grid.

Civic couple attend school awards evening

THE Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey were guests at the School Awards Evening held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, Skelmersdale on Thursday, November 16.

Pictured (above) head girl, Caitlin welcomes the mayor. Also pictured are headteacher Alison Knight (2nd left) head boy, Jamie, chairman of governors, Kath Gresty (2nd right) and fellow guests.

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International star to sing at mayor's charity evening

THE Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, will host a charity evening at the Stanley Institute in Liverpool Road North, Burscough on Friday, November 24 from 7.30pm featuring renowned international soprano singer, Rachael Russell and performances by the Kelly Shirley School of Dance.

Hospital to hold baby and child Christmas remembrance service

Third annual event aims to offer support to families grieving the loss of young loved ones

FOR the third year running Ormskirk Hospital will be offering support to families remembering lost loved ones in the weeks before Christmas.

The Baby and Child Remembrance Service will be held at the hospital on Wednesday, December 6 and led by the trust's chaplain, the Reverend Martin Abrams.

Rev. Abrams said: "The run-up to Christmas can be a very exciting and special time but it can also heighten a sense of loss, grief and isolation.

"This was a much-appreciated and successful event last year with more than 60 people attending - many of whom told us how helpful they found it.

"We hope the short, informal service will be supportive to anyone who has suffered a child or baby loss - not just recently but at any time in the past.

"The Salvation Army Band will join us and we will be writing the names of loved ones on baubles to hang from our Christmas tree.

"This year, our visitors will also have an opportunity to take a bauble home with their loved ones name on, so they can hang it on their own Christmas tree too."

Reverend Martin Abrams

The event will start with refreshments in the main hospital entrance at 6pm before moving to one of the hospital gardens for the service.

Sooty's Plants of Southport New Road, Tarleton are providing an 8ft-plus Christmas tree to mark the special occasion.

Last year about 200 names were registered across the two hospital sites.

Trees of Remembrance will also be available in the prayer and quiet rooms at both Southport and Ormskirk hospitals during December. Visitors will be welcome to write the name or names of loved ones on a decoration and hang it from the tree.

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Council gives the green light to plan for 200 new homes

Authority 'delighted' to see developers showing confidence to invest in town

Report by **Henry James**

The location where the homes would be built in Northway

PLANS to build more than 200 homes in Skelmersdale have been welcomed by West Lancs Council as "an innovative way of providing significant numbers of affordable homes for an area which needs regeneration."

The application by Gleeson Homes to build the house at Northway, Birch Green Road and Digmoor Road was approved by the council's planning committee.

Committee chairman, Councillor Gareth Dowling, said: "Following scrutiny and discussion, councillors resoundingly backed the development of more than 200 houses across three sites in Skelmersdale. With these homes being started within a six-month period we can truly say that the regeneration of Skelmersdale is continuing."

And a spokesman for the council commented: "The sites at Evenwood, the former Digmoor Sports Centre and at Findon, next to Firbeck, will provide local residents with the opportunity to buy their own homes at a more affordable price than the current market value.

"The strong interest in these town-centre sites is demonstrating the increased developer demand to bring new homes to Skelmersdale. Thanks to a new joint approach between a forward-looking developer and the council a creative and innovative way of providing significant numbers of affordable homes has been found for an area which needs regeneration.

"The homes will be priced so they can be afforded by 90% of local couples in full-time employment.

"Building a large number of houses in the town centre shows confidence of developers to invest in Skelmersdale and links in with the wider regeneration programme, the sites being close to the new town centre.

"The council is delighted to see developers choosing to build in Skelmersdale and we look forward to these houses becoming available in the coming years."

The 'Lidl Chance of Winning' squad who belied their name to win the tournament - although the real winners were the NSPCC who benefited to the tune of £4,500

Supermarket staff 'net' £4,500 for children's charity with football tournament at JMO

SUPERMARKET staff who swapped the shop floor for the football pitch scored an impressive four-figure 'goal' in aid of a national charity.

Employees from Lidl stores across the North West converged on Skelmersdale's JMO sports park to take part in a special football tournament, raising £4,500 for the NSPCC.

The event was organised by Lidl area manager, Derek Morris, along with duty manager, Louis James, to raise funds for the children's charity's, Speak Out! Stay Safe school programme.

More than 130 players and 15 teams made up of Lidl staff from across the North West and Wales took part, supported by family and friends.

Derek Morris said: "The response from my Lidl colleagues has been amazing. I had no idea it would grow into such an event and raise a lot of money for the NSPCC."

Lidl and the NSPCC joined forces in a partnership which aims to enable the charity to reach one million primary school children with crucial advice on how to stay safe from abuse.

The supermarket chain is committed to raising £3 million over the next three years for the NSPCC's Schools Service and its Speak Out! Stay Safe programme.

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Project's primary aim is to give young traders and performers the chance to showcase their products and talents for free - but event is open to all ages

Report by **Henry James**

THE Teenage Market, a national initiative aimed at transforming town and city centres with the creativity of young people, is coming to Skelmersdale on Saturday, November 25 giving young traders and performers a chance to showcase their products and talents for free.

The Birchwood Centre charity and Well Skelmersdale have teamed up to organise the market to be held at West Lancashire College alongside their open day, from 11am to 2pm.

Supporters of The Teenage Market include businessman Theo Paphitis, designer Wayne Hemingway and retail guru Mary Portas, who described the initiative as being "innovative and inspiring."

Organisers say the energy, diversity and vibrancy of the young people who take part in Teenage Markets is helping to breath life back into high streets, town centres and market areas all across the country, with events now being run in more than 25 locations.

But although primarily aimed at young people, they stress that all ages are welcome to go along.

Platform

A spokesman from The Teenage Market said: "Getting involved couldn't be simpler. Simply create your trader or performer profile on the Teenage Market website and then apply to take part in the Skelmersdale Teenage Market.

"After you've applied to take part, organisers from The Birchwood Centre will be in touch to let you know about your free stall or your performance slot."

Co-creator, Joe Barratt, said: "The Teenage Market really is the key to identifying a new generation of market traders by making young people an active part of our town centres.

"We are delighted that The Birchwood Centre and Well Skelmersdale are giving young people in Skelmersdale a free platform to get their businesses off the ground and showcase their creative talents.

"I'd encourage any creative young person to get involved with The Teenage Market as there are so many positive opportunities that can come out of it."

Anyone wishing to apply to be a trader or performer can visit www.theteenagemarket.co.uk or contact Jack from The Birchwood Centre on 01695 728391.

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Residents urged to step up security after thefts spike

Police issue social media warning as thieves target high-performance vehicles and high-value items

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being urged to take extra measures to ensure their properties are secure following a spike in thefts and burglaries in the borough by thieves apparently seeing high-performance vehicles.

Police took to social media to issue a warning after receiving reports of a number of break-ins.

A statement issued by officers read: "In recent days West Lancashire has been targeted by criminals resulting in a spike in residential burglaries.

"The offenders have targeted properties in order to steal a variety of items, with high-performance/value vehicles appearing to be the primary objective.

"They appear to be unfazed by the prospect of dwellings being occupied at the time.

"We want to take this opportunity to remind residents in West Lancashire to remain vigilant at all times, ensuring your properties are secure and all security measures are used.

"Offenders are using a variety of methods to gain entry to properties but appear to be deterred by working alarms.

"Please ensure your alarms are set and any suspicious vehicles are reported.

"We also encourage the use of steering wheel locks and any other visible deterrents to protect your property. Make yourself a difficult target.

Police will be running operations targeting vehicles and pedestrians acting suspiciously after a spike in burglaries in West Lancashire

"In response to this we will be running local operations in the area targeting vehicles and pedestrians acting suspiciously.

"We apologise in advance for any innocent stop-checks, however, burglars are not welcome in Lancashire.

"We request that you pass this information to your friends and family so the message is heard by as many residents as possible."

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Birchwood Centre launches confidential counselling service

SKELMERSDALE-based charity The Birchwood Centre, which has been supporting young people for the past 40 years, has launched a new 'person-centred' counselling service.

Operated from rooms at the Ecumenical Centre in Northway, the confidential service aims to support those who need it within their community, including young people aged 14 and upward and their families.

It is also working closely with Edge Hill University and a range of established colleges, whose counsellors in training volunteer their time.

The service also benefits from the voluntary efforts of various qualified counsellors who offer funded sessions to those who meet the eligibility criteria which is discussed with individuals prior to any service starting.

Co-ordinator, Emma Lawton said: "We are immensely proud of the support we offer to young people and their families. The new service allows us to further meet those needs in a therapeutic and skilled way offering a quality service to clients.

Officials at the Birchwood Centre open day to launch the new service

"We recognise that a holistic approach to services supports the positive outcomes of individuals and our long-standing local agency partnerships will allow us to contribute to the overall mental health and wellbeing of residents in our community."

The service is now up and running and referrals can be made directly by the individual or by professionals by contacting the centre. Additionally, the site also has a Facebook page which can be used to message them directly.

Cancer charity seeks volunteers for new fundraising group

A CHARITY is looking for volunteers to help them reach even more people in Skelmersdale who are affected by cancer.

Macmillan Cancer Support needs volunteers who are willing to take on a variety of tasks, from attending collections to organising fundraising events.

Helpers are also needed to join their new Skelmersdale fundraising group. They are looking for people who can bring creativity, energy and enthusiasm for fundraising to their team, and help support people affected by cancer.

The charity's fundraising manager for Skelmersdale, Megan Kong, said: "We have some really interesting volunteer roles available for people who want to take on a new challenge, have fun or just want to help us raise the money we need to fund our cancer services.

"For most of our roles, volunteers don't need to have special skills or experience. They just need to be enthusiastic and willing to learn.

"We provide training if needed and offer ongoing support to ensure all our volunteers get the best possible experience while helping us be there for people affected by cancer."

Macmillan is almost entirely funded by public donations and the charity says the support of volunteers is essential to helping it raise all the money it needs to fund its cancer services.

Grants

The charity supports people with cancer and their families in a number of ways, including providing specialist nurses who work within the NHS, giving grants to cancer patients with money problems and running a nurse-run support line.

Macmillan has also funded the newly-opened Macmillan Information Centre at the Concourse Shopping Centre.

For information on fundraising for Macmillan call 0300 1000 200 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising

To access support from Macmillan visit www.macmillan.org.uk or call 0808 808 00 00.

Men-Aces score hat-trick at West Lancs Sports Awards to book place at county event

PLAYERS and officials of the Skem Men-Aces disability football team scored a memorable hat-trick at the West Lancs Sports Awards.

Manager Carl Eaton won the Service to Disability Sports award, his wife Mim was named Volunteer of the Year, and the club was also voted Community Club of the Year.

The local winners of each category are automatically put forward to represent West Lancashire at the Lancashire Sports Awards to be held on Friday, November 24 at The Hilton Hotel, Blackpool.

Carl and Mim Eaton said: "We would like to say thanks to all those who nominated the club but would also like to encourage other great clubs in the community to enter these awards.

"Skelmersdale has so many great opportunities for every age and many wonderful volunteers who put in endless hours each week to keep the clubs going and their efforts need to be recognised.

"We are as busy as ever, playing up and down the country, and spreading the good name of Skelmersdale across the UK.

"Disability football has grown and grown and these teams battle despite facing so many barriers, such as funding and discrimination.

Mim and Carl Eaton with their awards

"However, through football they have a common goal and they do much for their communities, bringing people together, fundraising, and raising awareness for other charities and causes."

The Men-Aces' next adventure and challenge is their very own Santa Dash where all the lads will be running for donations of tins of food to enable them to make up hampers for the Digmoor Community Centre when it opens its doors on Christmas Day for the elderly, lonely and homeless.

Any companies or individuals who can collect tins and donate them to the Men-Aces are asked to contact the club on 07506 458 716.

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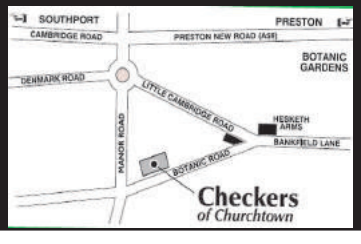

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Countdown to Christmas starts at Concourse with festive lights switch-on

THE countdown to Christmas at the Concourse kicked off in style when the Skelmersdale shopping centre staged its annual festive lights switch-on event.

The fun started at 4pm with a host of festive street performances, including Christmas fairy stilt-walkers, balloon modellers, face painting and a brass band, plus a welcome return by Silcock's fun-fair.

WISH FM's Luke & Lucy hosted the indoor stage, with live performances from some local and regional talent, including singer Jake McKechnie.

And heading up the event this year, as well as helping Santa and the Mayor Councillor Neil Furey to perform the official switch-on was X Factor finalist and I'm A Celebrity contestant, Jake Quickenden.

While Santa took his place inside his magical grotto, his reindeer could be found relaxing and having a bite to eat before embarking on the long journey back to the North Pole - minus Santa, of course, who will be at the Concourse until Christmas Eve.

The lucky winner of the VIP 'meet and greet' competition was Lisa Hawkes, who along with her stepdaughter Savannah, not only got to meet Jake before his upcoming appearance on Dancing on Ice, but also received a framed photograph of their encounter, a free visit to see Santa and £50 worth of Concourse shopping vouchers.

Anne Peters, interim retail marketing manager at the Concourse, said: "Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year and it certainly felt wonderful here on Friday.

Counting down to the big switch-on at the Concourse shopping centre

"For the past few months we've been working closely with the team at WISH FM in preparation for the light switch-on which is always a firm favourite. It was great to have Jake on board and also see all the fabulous talent Skelmersdale and the surrounding areas has to offer - I was blown away by all their performances.

"We saw an increase in footfall of 4,500 people on the day compared to the previous Friday - a perfect start to the launch of our late night shopping!"

Paul Davies, owner of The Sweet Stall located inside the Concourse, said "From start to finish there was something on for all ages. Best one in years, here's looking forward to next year's switch-on!"

Santa's Grotto is located on the upper mall in the old Co-op Travel unit (opposite Thomas Cook) and is open every Friday and Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sundays from 11am to 4pm, until Friday, December 15 when it will open daily.

Council team up with Dogs Trust to host free health check and advice event for dog owners and their pets

DOG owners and their pets are invited to a free health-check event organised by Dogs Trust and West Lancashire Borough Council at the Evermoor Hub, Birleywood, Skelmersdale, on Monday, November 27 from 11am to 3pm.

A veterinary nurse will be available to carry out checks on dogs' weight, teeth, eyes and ears, as well as providing nail-clipping, to make sure they are happy, fit and healthy.

Dogs Trust will also provide free microchipping for dogs that are not yet chipped - subject to availability - and advice on diet, training and neutering.

Tips

By law all dogs must be microchipped and owners' details kept up to date. Advice will be provided on whether owners need to change the details on pets already chipped.

Each owner will be offered useful information packs on practising responsible dog ownership which includes handy tips and useful resources.

Free goodie packs are also available for puppy owners and those thinking of getting a puppy.

Councillor Kevin Wright

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "I would encourage all dog owners to come along to this event where their beloved pet can get a free health check and they can also find out more about responsible dog ownership."

All puppies attending the event need to be fully vaccinated. For full terms and conditions of Dogs Trust community events visit www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/community-events.

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Pals stage boxing show in aid of vandalised club

Report by **Henry James**

TWO boxing fans from the town are bringing back the Skelmersdale Boxing Show after a break of nine years to raise money for local club, Birch Green ABC whose base was gutted by arsonists earlier this year.

Pals Scott Richardson, 28, and Jordan Fitzgerald, 27, are the driving force behind the project with the show set to be staged at Up Holland Labour Club in Ormskirk Road on Saturday, December 9.

Doors will open at 4pm and the pair are hoping to feature between 14 and 16 bouts on the bill.

Scott told the Champion: "The Skelmersdale Boxing Show used to be a massive event in the local boxing calendar, offering local talent from the surrounding area the chance to showcase their abilities on an inter-gym boxing show.

"So far, we have 10 fights confirmed but we are looking to match up a further four to six bouts to give us about 14 or 16 on the night."

Among the fights already lined up are a lightweight clash between Wigan's Danny Aspey and Graham Spike from Huyton and local debutant Neil Marlowe from Skelmersdale taking on Ryan McGuiness of Wigan. Our aim is to promote the area and local talent, which is why we are attempting to match up most of our fighters from Skelmersdale and neighbouring boroughs."

The pair have been helping to run successful boxing shows around Liverpool over the past two years but have been talking about the possibility of resurrecting the Skelmersdale show for some time.

When they heard about the Birch Green club's setback it gave them an added incentive to get the project up and running.

Scott said: "We have been speaking about possibly resurrecting the Skelmersdale as we used to love going to it when we were in our teens. Now, thanks to the support of iUp Holland Labour Club and chairman Frank Bailey the dream is going to become a reality.

"We decided to combine it with an opportunity to raise funds for Birch Green ABC because of our connection with the area and our love of the sport.

Scott (left) and Jordan (right) with Up Holland Labour Club chairman Frank Bailey.

"We believe that the club promotes and provides a great message to the local kids of the area, that there is more to Skelmersdale than roundabouts and roaming the streets. Boxing keeps you fit, disciplined and helps you build confidence and lifelong friendships.

"We were shocked to learn about vandals setting fire to the club's premises and want to help in any way we can."

Tickets for the show are priced at £25 and as well as the boxing there will be entertainment provided by local rock group, Big Bambora and vocalist Dylan Cassin. MC for the night is Radio City's DJ Rossy.

During the show members of Birch Green ABC will be go round with collection buckets to help raise funds for the club's premises.

Tickets are available directly through the Facebook page JDS Promotions or from any of the boxers who will be appearing on the bill.

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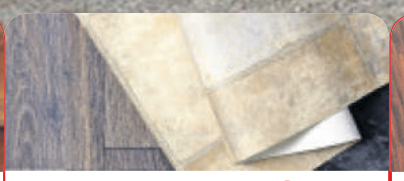

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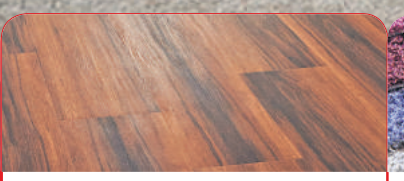

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£1.2m benefits boost for borough's OAPs

County council says claimants over 75 are better off by an average of £130 per week thanks to join campaign

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council chiefs say that older people in West Lancashire are now a combined £1million-plus a year better off thanks to a campaign to ensure they are claiming all the benefits they are entitled to.

The campaign, initiated in June, 2015, was organised by the county council's Welfare Rights Service in partnership with BT Lancashire Services working on behalf of West Lancashire Borough Council.

The borough council contacted over-75s in the area who were receiving either Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, inviting them to have a benefit check completed by the county's Welfare Rights Service.

A total of 542 requests were received resulting in an annual cash gain for claimants of nearly £1.2m.

'Big difference'

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "This is great news for some of our older and vulnerable residents in West Lancashire, who have had a welcome boost to their incomes.

"The people that we have been able to help so far are better off by an average of £131 each week.

"Staff told me of one case they dealt with which involved an elderly couple who were just trying to manage on their basic pensions.

"We actually got them an extra £330.30 per week in benefits, which will clearly make a big difference to them.

"As well as the hardworking staff of our Welfare Rights Service, I'd also like to thank staff at BT Lancashire Services Revenues and Benefits Service, who work on behalf of West Lancashire Borough Council, for their help in making this campaign such a success.

Councillor Claire Cooper

"The Welfare Rights Service has been running various benefit take-up campaigns very successfully for many years.

"Now that winter is approaching, and we expect the weather to get colder, I would urge pensioners to get in touch and ask for a free and confidential benefits check.

"As we have seen with this campaign and with others, the extra money really could make all the difference."

Councillor Claire Cooper, West Lancs Council's cabinet member with portfolio for older people, added: "It is important that all people claim the benefits they are entitled to and this was a very good campaign.

"I am glad that West Lancashire Borough Council was able to be part of it and that so many people have benefited from this good work.

"I would urge pensioners to get in contact with the Welfare Rights Service and have their free confidential benefits check as they could be a lot better off."

For a free and confidential benefit check call the Welfare Rights Service on 0300 123 6739 or email infowrs@lancashire.gov.uk. More information is also available on the county council website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants.

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Some of the pupils who took part in the Bog Eye Jog

Pupils bid to boost school funds with 'Bog Eyed Jog'

SPORTY youngsters from a West Lancs primary school put their best feet forward to boost school funds by taking part in their 'Bog Eyed Jog.'

Pupils turned up at Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary dressed in their pyjamas for the annual event organised by the school's parent-teacher association, the Friends.

And after a jog around the playground sponsored by family and friends to raise funds for the school they enjoyed a well-earned breakfast and drink.

Headteacher, Stephen Smith, said: "Each year, the school's PTA organise the morning where the children are asked to come in their pyjamas and dressing gowns for the day and run around the playground a few times before tucking into breakfast in school.

"For each lap the children completed they got a stamp on their sponsor sheet and now they are busy collecting all their sponsor money which will go towards their grand total for the year."

Last year, the Friends raised £12,000 in total for the school.

Mr Smith added: "With the freeze on school budgets and rising costs, the extra money that our Friends collect is vital to the school."

With donations still coming in it is hoped that this year's event will have raised at least £1,300.

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Constabulary hold week of activities aimed at raising awareness of child sexual exploitation

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Police have undertaken a week of activity to continue raising awareness across the county of child sexual exploitation (CSE).

Partners from local councils, trading standards, schools, the NHS, children's charities and other agencies have been working in conjunction with officers to focus on prevention, awareness, enforcement and engagement with local communities.

The week was kicked off with a conference hosted by Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, at which a tool kit aimed at teachers and youth workers, was launched to help tackle child sexual exploitation.

Speaking at the conference, assistant chief constable Tim Jacques said: "We need to spot the signs of CSE and have confidence to know what to do and when to step in, by working together we can support the most vulnerable members of our society."

A series of workshops have also taken place exploring how the police deal with and investigate reports of missing people and the national charity PACE (Parents against Child Exploitation) held an event for professionals who support families affected by child sexual exploitation.

Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw

Meanwhile Lancashire Police's annual Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Conference was held in Blackpool when the theme of the day was education and prevention.

This featured speakers from a variety of specialist charities and agencies dedicated to prevention and improving outcomes for victims of abuse.

Lots more work has also taken place by local child sexual exploitation teams across the county, including visiting schools, supermarkets and GP surgeries.

Between April 2016 and March 2017, Lancashire Constabulary received 1,814 child sexual exploitation referrals and 843 crimes related to child sexual exploitation were recorded.

Complex

Child sexual exploitation is child abuse. It is complex and can manifest itself in different ways but essentially it involves children and young people being coerced into performing sexual acts on their abuser or others.

Often this may be in return for some kind of reward - for example, accommodation, drugs or other gifts but many are forced into sex out of fear.

Child sexual exploitation can also occur without physical contact, for example when children are groomed; post sexual images of themselves online or are tempted by someone online to meet in the real world.

These types of crimes are increasing nationally, as well as in Lancashire.

If you are concerned about a young person you know, call Lancashire Constabulary on 101. In an emergency, always dial 999.

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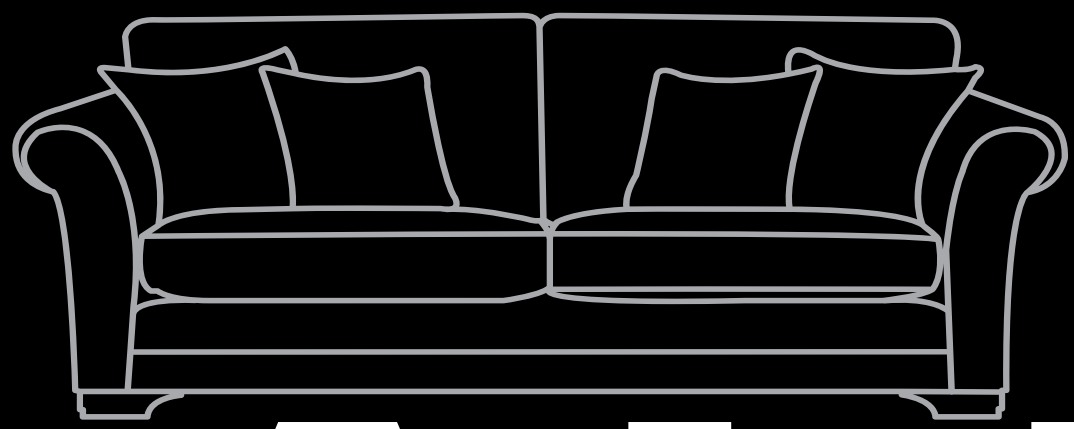

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MP leads calls for flood risk report to be made public

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is calling on Lancashire County Council to publish the findings of a study into flood risks in the borough commissioned in 2015 and completed in September last year.

Ms Cooper says the delay in making the results of the Hurlston Brook Flood Risk Study public is preventing any agencies from being held to account.

Her call follows a public meeting in Aughton which she organised to address flooding issues in West Lancs, attended by representatives of United Utilities, the Environment Agency, borough and county councils and the chief executive of regulator, Ofwat, Cathryn Ross.

The MP said: "The public don't know what the recommendations of the study are and what actions can and will be taken. And until we know, we are at a standstill. We can't make progress or hold to account any of the agencies mentioned within the report under its recommendations.

"This is a report costing more than £100,000 of taxpayers' money and unless it leads to action that is just money down the drain."

Ofwat chief executive, Cathryn Ross at the meeting

Also at the meeting, local campaigners from the Burscough Flood Group accused United Utilities of under-reporting floods in the area.

In response Cathryn Ross said: "Ofwat takes issues of reporting very seriously, and we are currently looking into this matter."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for United Utilities said: "When flooding is found to be linked to our assets we have a very robust procedure around capturing and reporting such data, with plenty of evidence to back this up. We'll be sharing this information with our regulator."

Rachel Crompton, flood risk manager for Lancashire County Council, said that the Hurlston Brook Flood Risk Study had taken into account the flooding in December 2015, as well as other local flood events dating back many years, and that one of its key findings was that the brook has little room through the built-up parts of the town to expand and accommodate more water during heavy rainfall.

The report advises that the most cost-effective way of reducing flooding would be by slowing the rate that water runs into the river and reducing the speed at which rainwater and stream water collect.

But she added: "The potential for such measures to succeed will depend on collaboration with a number of organisations and private landowners to help make changes to the way surface water flows across and off their property. Before we make public the advice we have received, we are working to contact these landowners to inform them of the findings.

"We explained to the meeting that, to date, we have not contacted all of those affected, however we are working to do so as quickly as possible so that we can share all of the advice we have received, and agree how best to reduce flood risk in this area."

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It's disgraceful that we can't stop the traffic for just a few minutes on Remembrance Day

I AM writing to express my dismay at the fact that the traffic was not stopped at the cenotaphs in either Ormskirk or Burscough during the Remembrance Day services.

It is a disgraceful state of affairs when the police cannot take just a few minutes, once a year, to help the people of Ormskirk and Burscough remember those who died for us during two world wars!

Due to the constant drone of the traffic in Ormskirk it was virtually impossible to hear the service of remembrance held by the vicar.

There was also the fact that cars had parked on both sides of Prescot Road in Ormskirk making it almost impossible for wreath-bearers to gain proper access to the memorial at St Anne's Church!

Why was this section of the road not cordoned off to prevent this?

I understand that there are constraints on public spending but for there to be such a lack of regard of safety for those wishing to honour our fallen servicemen and women is unacceptable.

If there is a true shortage of police officers (including special constables), I am sure it would be possible to enlist the services of several members of the public to perform this duty. I myself would be a willing participant.

There are now 12 months in which plans can be made to ensure the safety of the public for November 2018. I hope the council and Lancashire Police will reassure the citizens of Ormskirk and Burscough that this will happen and that we can once again be proud of our Remembrance Day parades.

The saying is 'Lest we forget' but it looks like those in authority are forgetting!

Belinda Matchett,
a proud Ormskirk citizen

Thanks to everybody who helped dad - but isn't it time to restrict pavement advertising 'hazards'?

I WOULD like, through the Champion, to say thank-you so much to all the people who rushed to my elderly dad Alf's aid in Ormskirk Town Centre on Saturday, November 11 when he fell while on his mobility scooter in Church Street.

We were humbled and grateful for the immediate acts of help, kindness, concern and support received from passers-by, a young man from the estate agents and a young woman from the sports shop.

It is both refreshing and restores faith in human nature and community spirit to see people come together and rally round to help someone in need.

Thank-you also to the lady who applied a compress to dad's head; to Vicky's granddaughters for carrying the shopping he had; the paramedic and ambulance crew who attended; and Brian our neighbour for coming to help.

I would also like to highlight to all the shopkeepers in Ormskirk that the vast amount of advertising boards which are being displayed on pavements, there were five by the entrance to Church Walks when dad came off his scooter.

These boards increase the risk of potential accidents occurring by obstructing a clear access to the public, especially people with buggies, toddlers and small children, people with mobility issues and wheelchair/ scooter users.

Susan Ashcroft,
By email

PICTURE of the week

One of Santa's reindeer team thought it was time to make an early start on the present run when he spotted the red robes of Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey at last week's Christmas lights switch-on event at Skelmersdale's Concourse shopping centre. Picture by Martyn Snape.

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IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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I'm paying British Gas £324 a year to be told to do my own repairs!

AS an 81-year-old female with no knowledge of combi-gas boilers I opted for British Gas cover.

Recently on a cold and frosty morning I had no heating or hot water so I rang British gas at 8am.

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He was quite irate as my problem, apparently, could have been rectified by me had I gone on to YouTube and followed the instructions given.

I don't use a computer and YouTube is alien to me.

Am I paying £324 per annum to do a do-it-yourself diagnosis and repair?

Disillusioned OAP,
Skelmersdale, details supplied

Isn't there anything we can do to help the homeless?

COMING off the M58 into Ormskirk, there is a bus shelter on the left-hand side, sadly someone had been sleeping there for the past few weeks.

What can we do to help? It's sad to see and difficult to know how to help.

Concerned, Ormskirk

Stop moaning - we're leaving the EU and the sooner the better!

I HAVE had it up to here listening to the 'Remoaners' with their useless arguments.

Most of us oldies in West Lancs voted out of this EU superstate led by un-elected, wine-drinking fools.

What happened to all the predictions of carnage in the city? Has anyone actually moved their businesses yet?

Despite the predictions of a Stock Market crash, the market has never stopped rising since the Brexit result.

As for us oldies selling out the younger generation, we have given them a brighter future if only the moaners would take their blinkers off and see the truth about this EU superstate.

Stop moaning because you lost the democratic vote and get over it. We are leaving - full stop, end of - and the sooner the better !

Frank Baybutt, Burscough resident

What town needs now is a graveyard to bury all the false promises!

I HAD to laugh when I read the front page of the Champion (November 8) about the BMX track.

Another promise for Skelmersdale, one of many.

I have an idea. Why don't we use Glenburn High School as a graveyard (as promised with the new town) and we could bury all the other false promises we have endured over the - hospital, new town centre shopping, retail park, sports centre, railway station etc.

Could I also add I can't wait for this year's Christmas light switch-on - not to be missed!

John Higham, via email

Anyone know how many refugees have come to West Lancs?

WE'VE all seen distressing images of drowning refugees and asylum-seekers and we know how the British government accepts only a tiny number of these people in extreme need.

But I would really like to know how many (or how few) have come to West Lancs and neighbouring areas?

They may be in organisations, just individuals, or small groups. Does anyone know what the situation is? West Lancs Borough Council says it has no information.

When we know what's happening (or not happening) then perhaps we can join together to do something about it.

Maurice George, by email

Charity claims parental alcohol abuse damages 1,200 West Lancs teens

Report by **Henry James**

NEW research by the Children's Society shows that parent alcohol abuse is damaging the lives of 1,200 teenagers in West Lancashire, while across the North West as a whole it's estimated that 80,000 youngsters aged from 10 to 17 are affected.

For three in five (59%) of these youngsters nationally, the same parent is also suffering from depression or anxiety, the charity's survey of 3,000 families with children in that age group.

Two in five (39%) have lived with domestic violence and more than one in four (29%) have been homeless in the last five years.

The society' evidence reveals the seriousness and complexity of the problems facing millions of UK teenagers. Figures from the charity also show that more than 1.6 million teens have a parent with depression or anxiety and 1.7 million are living in homes struggling with problem debt.

Pressures on teenagers from homes where alcohol or drugs are being misused, can lead to them developing mental health problems, running away from home or being excluded from school, the society warns.

Children's Society chief executive Matthew Reed

Children's Society chief executive, Matthew Reed, said: "Millions of teenagers in the UK are suffering in silence with problems that would floor an adult.

"The hundreds of thousands of children whose parent has a drinking problem are sadly just the tip of the iceberg. At a time when demand for council children's services is rising, severe funding cuts from central government are leaving more and more to deal with these huge problems alone.

"Specialist services working with families to combat problem drinking, support for teenagers whose parent has mental ill health, or safe spaces for them to go when pressures at home mount, are becoming ever harder to find. Without support at an early stage as problems emerge, these families can quickly reach crisis point and the risks for the children involved grow."

The analysis demonstrates that the problems teenagers face are rarely standalone, but interwoven with other serious issues.

Almost a quarter (23%) of teenagers from homes plagued by alcohol misuse were also taking on caring responsibilities at home. These could be domestic chores, taking care of siblings or nursing parents suffering from withdrawal.

Adult mental health problems (59%) and long-standing illness or disability (44%) were also commonplace in these homes, indicating that adults may be self-medicating with alcohol to cope with these and other stresses in the family.

The Children's Society argues that local services are crucial to make sure children in families affected by alcohol misuse are identified and that they are kept safe and well, but they add as cuts to children's services bite, the early intervention services that could identify struggling young people and provide targeted support have shrunk across the UK.

The Children's Society is calling on the government to urgently address the £2bn funding gap for local council children's services.

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Care group celebrates 30th anniversary

A WEST Lancashire-based care company celebrated a milestone anniversary with a party for staff, residents and members of the local community.

The Stocks Hall Nursing and Care Group opened its first residential care home in Nursery Avenue, Ormskirk in 1987.

Now the company has a total of six homes - the others being in Burscough, Skelmersdale, Mawdesley, St Helens and Nelson - plus a homecare and nursing services department and employs more than 720 staff.

To mark the 30th anniversary the group held a celebration with invited guests including the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and Mrs Ann Stubber, entertainment provided by Bamhoot Music and a buffet meal prepared by Stocks Hall Mawdesley chef, Glen Roberts.

Group director, Sue Lace, said: "It is with much pleasure that we provided this celebration for all to enjoy.

"30 years is a massive achievement and I want to thank from the bottom of my heart all who have contributed and made Stocks Hall Nursing and Care Group what it is today."

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Owners' pledge to increase cleaning frequency at town car park

THE management of the Two Saints car park in Ormskirk have agreed to increase the frequency of cleaning at the site following a request by Rosie Cooper.

Constituents had raised concerns with the West Lancs MP about litter and general untidiness at the town-centre car park.

As a result she contacted the owners and their property management team requesting they address the problems.

Orbit Property Management, acting on behalf of Fairacre UK Retail Properties (Ormskirk), responded by agreeing to increase the frequency of cleaning from twice to three times per week.

Rosie Cooper said: "Residents contacted me concerned by issues over litter and untidiness at the Two Saints car park. I am grateful to Orbit Property Management for increasing the frequency of their cleaning schedule. This should ensure the area is kept clean and tidy from now on."

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It's a dog's life on holiday when your boat breaks down!

IT'S a dog's life - or it has been over the past few days for my owner, Jim.

He seems to be worn out, poor thing, so it's Tina here - the original and still the best dog he has (little Cinders does her best but as deputy leader of the pack, I have to take over when Jim fails).

Basically, we set off for a fortnight's break on Jim's lovely motor cruiser, *Manxman* and all went spiffingly until the agreed day of departure. Cindy even managed not to fall in the water this time, so there we were, bags and bones packed ready for a Wednesday departure, with Jimbo fussing around draining the fresh water tanks and making sure the diesel tank was full as part of what he called 'winterisation' for the boat,

Then the kind gentleman who usually ferries us to and from Norfolk phoned to say he had been told the wrong date and the earliest he could manage was the following Monday!

That would have been bad enough but of course the water supply had to be replaced - I'm very keen on that - and food for my man also had to be purchased apparently, though why he can't have a bag of human food in reserve (like he always and rightly has for us) I really can't tell.

Anyway, things got sorted and we got several nice walks in at places with new smells, and where we met several folk with friendly dogs to introduce ourselves to.

In fact, my master (he's my equal really but he who buys the Bonios tends to call the tune!) had an interesting conversation with the nice man who runs the boatyard that keeps our floating home in good nick. He (the boatyard man) has started a breakdown service in which, for money, he promises to come and help you wherever and whenever you are.

Jim thought it a neat idea and promised to join at the beginning of next year's boating season.

Bad idea as I could have told him if he'd asked. It was obviously tempting fate, even with only days to go before we really would go home.

And sure enough, on the Sunday, with half a gale blowing and rain coming down in stair-rods, my Jim made a very unusual error. I don't understand these things, but he said something about the ammeter charging heavily as we left our overnight mooring. He was pleased because, apparently, the domestic battery (something like a hen, perhaps?) hadn't been getting charged enough. Odd really, he normally complains when he's getting charged too much.

Anyway, it wasn't that at all, as he found out at our next port of call. He used a lot of naughty words and claimed part of the ignition keyring had stuck, and the result was that the alternator had burned out.

Which is apparently very bad. Badder than greedy Cinders pinching his breakfast sausage!

And worse - when the nice man with the rescue service turned up with his tug, he thought the cause of Jim's woes was actually a burned out starter motor (and that sounds painful) but he couldn't put this to the test because his jump leads were too short. Why he needed to jump (and actually he is a bit, well, portly) I cannot tell, but the upshot was that he towed us back to his boatyard.

Jim tried to prove he was right by charging the starter battery overnight - and he was delighted when it sprang into life first go on the last morning of our hols. Didn't last long though. He muttered something about the ammeter now being, as he put it, 'dead as a nit', thereby proving his original diagnosis right.

I thought he would be delighted - but no, with the perversity of all human kind, he was even more cross!

Still, we're home safe and sound again now, Cinders is in bed, Jim is promising bickies shortly, and all's right with my doggy world.

Now Cinders and I have Christmas to look forward to, and New Year's Eve too. Jim always makes a fuss about those, and we all have a jolly time and eat nearly enough (Jim says we eat far too much but that's just being silly).

He says we will be going back to a (repaired) *Manxman* just before Easter next year. Good

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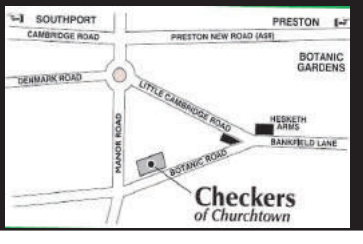

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Dance group's Champion feat!

Report by **Henry James**

Talented members of the Hamilton Dance group who have enjoyed a string of successes around the region

TALENTED young members of a dance school which draws pupils from West Lancashire have been crowned Champion of Champions in a regional competition.

Hamilton Dance, which is based in Maghull, entered six group and five solo dances in the North West Dance Challenge at St George's Hall in Liverpool and waltzed away with an impressive 10 trophies.

These included first place successes for Lucie Deakin and Emily Aisbitt and a third place for Holly Duckworth in the solo sections.

And in the group section they scooped three firsts, two seconds and two special awards for Best Technique and Champion of Champions.

This success follows an impressive showing at the Four Seasons Festival in Darwen where the girls competed across the weekend and brought home a host of medals and trophies to add to their collection.

The club also recently held auditions for their juvenile dancers who have once again been invited to take part in the Liverpool Epstein Theatre Production of Peter Pan.

A total of eight girls were selected to represent the school and have commenced rehearsals for the pantomime which will be staged throughout December.

The school provides pupils with a variety of performance opportunities and some of them will be performing as part of a charity show in aid of The Owen McVeigh Foundation.

Set up in memory of Owen, who was just 11 years old when he passed away shortly after being diagnosed with leukaemia, the charity aims to help and enrich the lives of local children with cancer and their families.

The performance will take place on Tuesday, November 28 in St Helens Town Hall when the school will be performing a selection of dances from their summer show and will share the stage with dancers from other local dance schools, the North Liverpool Dance Academy, Pirouette, Finesses, Impact and Theatreworks.

Principal, Anneliese Hamilton-Stevens, said: "I want to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

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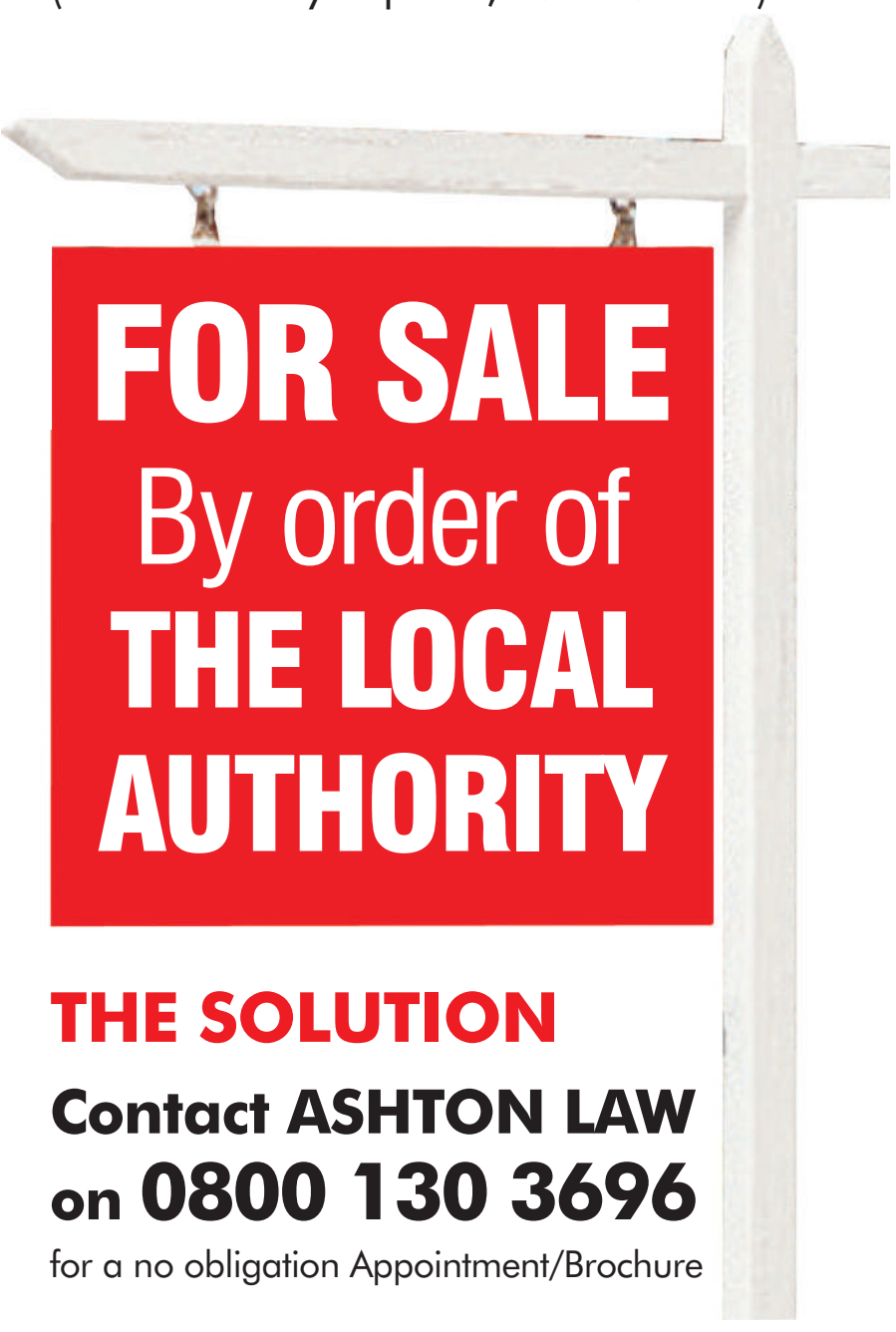

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Sanctuary's 'feed hedgehogs with care' plea

STAFF at a West Lancs animal charity are urging families to create hedgehog-friendly habitats in their gardens to help their prickly friends put on weight in the run-up to hibernation!

Sally McDerby from the Woodlands Sanctuary in Holmeswood says autumn is the most important time of the year for hedgehogs as they need to make the magic number of 750g in body mass to be able to survive the winter.

And she warns that although extra foods such as mealworms can boost weight-gain, well-meaning hedgehog-lovers could actually put them in danger if they overdo offering them the treat!

She said: "It's widely known that hedgehog numbers are declining, but more people are becoming aware of this and are doing their bit to help. As with most animals there is a lot of misunderstanding about the best food for them and this can cause more harm than good if we get it wrong.

"Mealworms are becoming an increasingly popular option for hog - and they certainly do them.

"Unfortunately, this does not mean that they are the most ideal food for them, or that they should make up the majority of the hogs' diet.

"A small amount daily can be part of a nutritious and balanced diet, but they are very high in phosphorus and too much can cause calcium to be leached from the bones, making them soft and bendy, which can make walking impossible for the hogs and affecting their chance of survival.

"At Woodlands, we use a specially blended mix of high-quality, meat-based cat kibble, with a very small amount of seeds, nuts and insects. This can be bought from us, with all proceeds going straight back to the charity.

"Hedgehogs only hibernate for around 10 days at a time and need a reliable food source throughout the whole winter. If you are kind enough to leave food out for our prickly friends, please ensure you continue to do so throughout the winter."

Members of Cherish enjoying a Christmas Day meal

Couple's Christmas dinner invitation to lonely over-50s

VOLUNTEERS behind an annual festive meal campaign are inviting people lonely at Christmas to join them for their sixth annual event.

David and Pam Nickson, who are holding the 'Cherish Christmas' meal from 1 to 5pm on December 25 at Hesketh Bank Christian Centre, are appealing for those who want to attend or know somebody who does, to get in touch before the cut-off date on Sunday, December 10.

A £5 deposit is needed to secure the meal but this will be refunded after the event. Transport can also be provided if needed. However, the offer only applies to people living within a 10-mile radius.

The couple are also appealing for any local businesses who can donate financially to the cause or who can give them good-quality gifts to hand out on the day, to get in touch.

Pam said: "We have to set a limit of a 10-mile radius because we rely on the kind volunteers who give up their time to transport people on the day.

"This is the sixth year we have organised this meal and last year we had around 30 people attend. Our aim is to cater primarily for the over-50s and more particularly those who are on their own.

"And for us, this just doesn't end on Christmas Day. We formed a group called Cherish and we meet up every couple of months for a meal and to spend time together, as well as encouraging friendships to develop."

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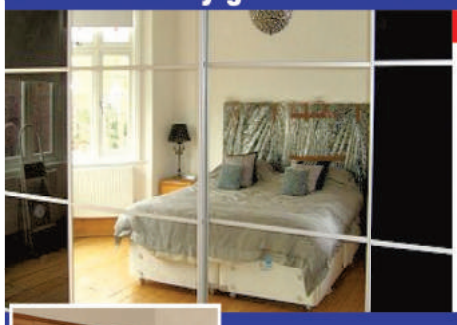

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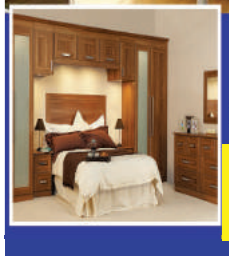

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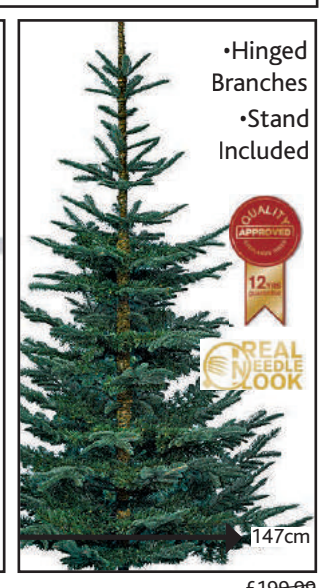

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Former miner Paul Winter (3rd right) pictured with councillors and other delegates at the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign meeting at Edge Hill University

Labour group show their support for Orgreave campaign

LABOUR members of West Lancs Council showed their support for the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign with a public event at Edge Hill University's Arts Centre.

The council recently passed a motion proposed by Councillor Claire Cooper, calling for the Home Secretary to order a public inquiry into the events at the Orgreave coking plant during the miners' strike in 1984.

A violent confrontation between the police and pickets at the plant near Rotherham saw the prosecution of 55 miners but these were all thrown out after the trial of the first 15 fell apart a year later in July 1985.

Campaigners claim that much of what came to light during the Hillsborough Inquiry verified miners' allegations regarding the falsification of evidence by South Yorkshire Police.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper was among the guests at the Edge Hill event where former miner, Paul Winter spoke about his experiences at Orgreave, recalling the mounted police charging through the ranks of the miners.

Gareth Dowling, chairman of West Lancashire Labour, said: "We were very pleased with the turnout at the public event to highlight the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign.

"Truth and justice must prevail in all instances, as the Hillsborough Campaign has shown, and the similarities with Orgreave is clear for all to see.

"Many thanks to Paul Winter for travelling over from Yorkshire to speak with us."

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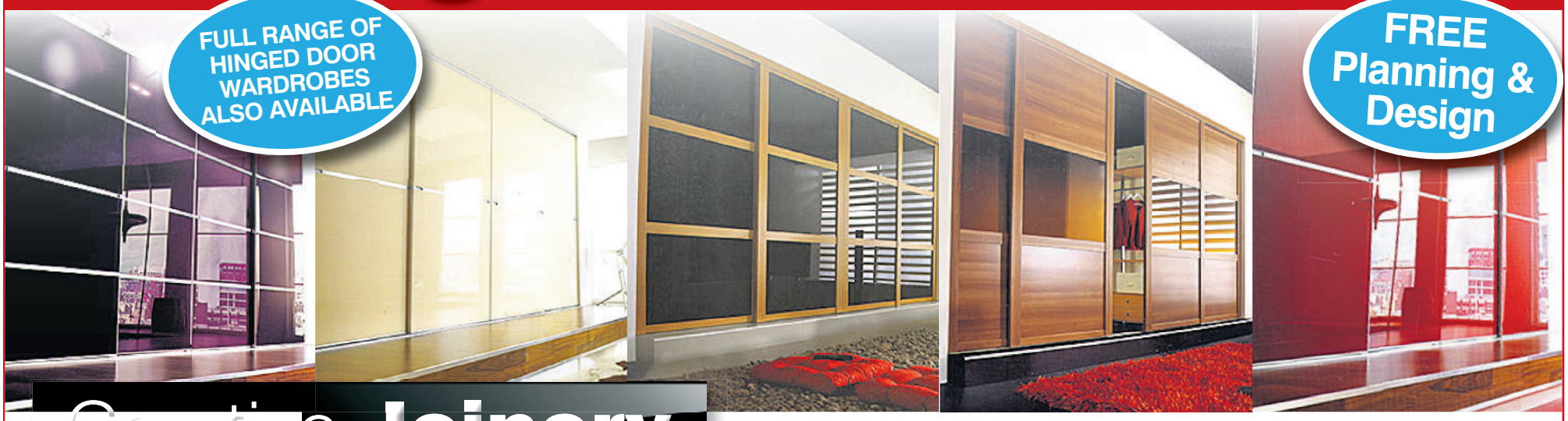

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Robert Greaves of Up Holland-based butchers, H. Greaves & Son kindly provided a new kit for the team who have been together since the age of nine and are unbeaten in both the West Lancashire Girls Football League and the Liverpool Champions League Cup.

Manager and coach of the self-funded Aughton outfit, Paul Dible, said they were most grateful for the generous gesture.

With most of the costs of running the team - including paying for the pitch, training facilities and registration - falling on players parents - they were delighted by the gift of the £500-plus kit.

Paul said: "You can only ask so much of parents so it's great that local businesses can help out."

And team captain, Grace Carberry added: "The girls would like to say thanks to H. Greaves and Son for our new kit. It's very much appreciated when businesses help our team to grow and develop and it boosts morale having such good support."

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Charity's pop-up shop will fund Christmas treats for refuge families

THE Liberty Centre charity which supports victims of domestic abuse, will be holding a pop-up book store at its Ormskirk office at Church House, Park Road on Friday, November 24 during the town's Christmas lights switch-on event.

Visitors to the shop, which will be open between 4 and 8pm, will be able to enjoy a hot drink and mince pie while browsing the books on offer. Entry is free but donations are requested for books.

Following Friday's event the pop-up shop will then be open every Thursday from November 30 until the end of the year between 1 and 5pm.

All donations received at the shop will go towards Christmas treats for the families at the charity's West Lancashire refuge.

Call for rethink in guards on trains row

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

FORMER Merseytravel boss, Mark Dowd, has called for a rethink of plans to get rid of train guards after new figures revealed 1,200 crimes occurred on Merseyrail carriages in the last five years.

The figures were unveiled after the union Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) submitted a Freedom of Information Request to the British Transport Police.

Mr Dowd was chairman of Merseytravel for 20 years until he stepped down in 2012 after he lost the support of Labour councillors.

In a letter to RMT News, he highlighted concerns about passenger safety on trains when the new driver-only-trains come into force.

He said: "The real question that needs answering is how is culling guards from trains, such as that planned by Merseyrail, going to prevent such offences?

'Common sense'

"What happens when a passenger in distress for whatever reason, especially women and children, on a driver only operated eight coach train needs help?

"Surely common sense should prevail and the people who made this decision should think again and support the guards in their quest to keep the travelling public safe on our rail system on Merseyside. If it is not broken, why fix it?"

Mr Dowd's comments came in the same week that the Fire Brigades Union claimed that the move to driver-only-trains could compromise the information-gathering process when firefighters are called to emergencies on rail lines. They say it is often the guards who provide vital first-hand information to fire crews.

Mark Rowe, regional secretary of the FBU in the North West, said: "Firefighters recognise and understand the dangers that driver-only trains can pose to rail travellers.

"If the fire service is called out to an emergency on the tracks, it is the guards who provide us with intelligence on arrival, who have moved passengers to safe areas and kept them calm. This helps firefighters do their job effectively and efficiently.

"Every passenger needs the assurance that their journey will be safe and secure with trained assistance available when needed."

Merseyrail maintain safety will not be compromised with the removal of guards from their trains.

New trains are destined for Merseyrail - but guards row rumbles on

Still time to take part in libraries consultation

THERE is still time for residents in West Lancashire to share their views about future opening hours at their local library.

This can be done either by filling in a questionnaire and returning it to a Lancashire County Council library by Saturday, November 25 or online by Sunday, November 26.

An eight-week consultation started on Monday, October 2 and more than 1,500 people have taken part so far. Library-users and partner organisations that haven't are being urged to do so before the weekend deadline. A final decision on the opening hours will be taken early next year.

Each library has been assigned to one of four bands depending upon local need, so that the opening hours are proportionate to the population that each serves.

The new opening hours being proposed are based on visitor numbers and when the libraries are used the most.

People can give their views on how opening hours are to be allocated across the week by filling in a printed questionnaire available at the libraries. An online survey is also available at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay, by clicking on consultations then library opening hours consultation.

The proposed bands are: Band A: Open for 50 hours over six days every week. Band B: Open for 42 hours over six days every week. Band C: Open for 34 hours over five days every week. Band D: Open for 18 hours over four days every week.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "We've already received 1,500 responses but I want to encourage everyone involved to let us have their views. We would like people to take this opportunity to look at what is being proposed and help us shape the final proposals. I urge people to let us know their views either by completing a printed questionnaire or online, whichever they prefer."

Resident Edna Adams opens the new Tranquility Room watched by activities co-ordinator, Gemma Jacobs.

Tranquility Room opened at care home

RESIDENTS at a West Lancs care home are enjoying the peace and quiet of their own Tranquility Room following the completion of a four-month renovation project.

The room at the Stocks Hall Care Home in Nursery Avenue, Ormskirk was officially opened by 95-year-old resident, Edna Adams and a celebration afternoon tea was held to mark the occasion.

Painted in 'relaxing' colours, the new facility boasts comfortable chairs and a sky-view roof and calming music is available on request.

Home manager, Geraldine Ball, said: "We wanted to create something that would benefit as many people as possible, promote wellbeing and make a difference to everyday lives. It's a lovely room and we believe it will enhance the quality of life for residents and their family members."

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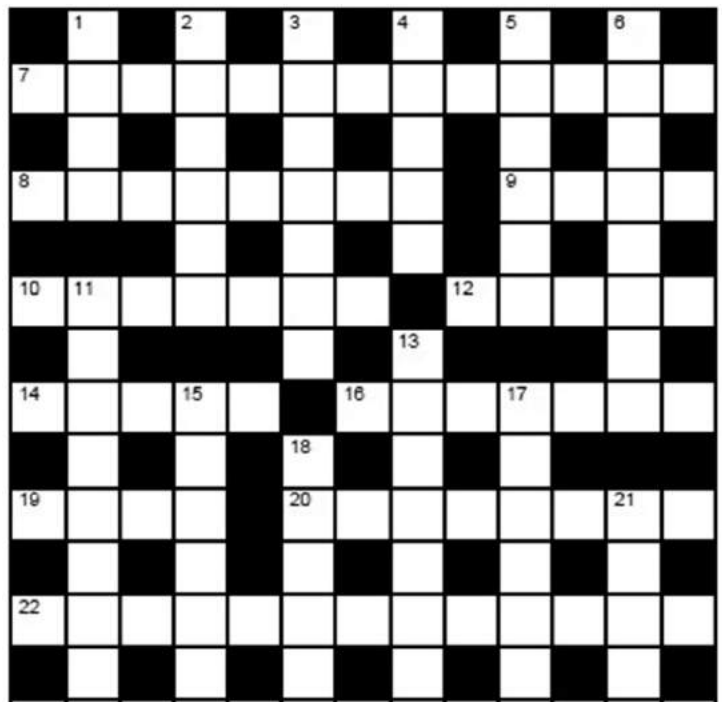

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8. In the open air (8)
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6. Any of a group of unpleasant tasting compounds formed in putrefying animal and vegetable matter and formerly thought to cause food poisoning (8)
11. Extreme scale, seriousness, or extent of something perceived as bad or wrong (8)
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The main theme of World Diabetes Day this year was 'Women and diabetes - our right to a healthy future.'

It is reported that one in 10 women live with diabetes, but not all have the same access to education, treatment and care.

The campaign is designed to improve the affordability and accessibility of diabetes care worldwide to help women with diabetes better manage their condition and improve their health outcomes.

Sheila Hodkinson, diabetes specialist nurse for Virgin Care in West Lancashire, who helped out on the day, said: "There are two out of five women in the world with diabetes who are of reproductive age and one in seven births are affected by gestational diabetes.

"To reduce risks to both mother and baby in pregnancy we would recommend that anyone with existing diabetes carefully plans a pregnancy with advice from their healthcare professionals and diabetes team.

"Those who are pregnant with diabetes or who develop gestational diabetes while pregnant should closely follow all the advice given and attend their appointments. General health advice for all patients includes stopping smoking, keeping active, eating a healthy diet and avoid being overweight."

Some of the diabetes specialists who staffed the information stand at Ormskirk Hospital for World Diabetes Day

Sheelagh Charnock says her life has been transformed since joining a local gym

Gym gave me back my life!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A WIDOWED pensioner who says she could hardly move five years ago due to the combined effects of severe osteoporosis and arthritis is extolling the virtues of power-assisted exercise machines after enrolling at a local gym gave her a new lease of life.

Sheelagh Charnock says she had got to the stage where, in her own words, she was "just vegetating" until her daughter persuaded her to join the Enjoy Wellness Centre.

And after just three months working on the power-assisted toning tables at the gym in Langley Place on the Burscough industrial estate, the 72-year-old was already on her way to improving both her health and emotional wellbeing.

"Every time I did something I would break something," she said, "It got to the stage where I was just vegetating. Then my daughter found this gym. She was sure that it would help me.

"I started by using the toning tables and I let thse machine move all my joints for me. After about three months I was really into it. I could push and pull. They had toned me. I then had a go on the gym equipment and from there I progressed on to exercise classes.

"This has helped me so much. I can now lift myself out of bed which I could not do before. I am far more mobile than I was five years ago."

Sheelagh's husband passed away 12 years ago and after having two knee replacements and suffering the severe osteoporosis she fell into a depression. She says her depression has now lifted, however, after becoming more active at the gym.

"It has lifted my spirits and done a lot for my confidence," she said.

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Town-centre pub is flush with success as toilets scoop platinum award

AN Ormskirk pub has won acclaim for the quality and standards of its toilets in the Loo of the Year Awards 2017.

Wetherspoons' The Court Leet in Wheatsheaf Walk has been awarded a platinum star rating by inspectors - the highest award possible.

The awards, celebrating their 30th anniversary this year, are aimed at highlighting and improving standards of 'away from home' toilet provision across the UK.

Loo of the Year Awards inspectors make unannounced visits to thousands of toilets at sites across the UK, in order to judge them.

Pub toilets are graded from bronze to platinum but those with unacceptable toilets are not graded at all.

The platinum rating is given only to outlets which offer "exceptional toilets."

The toilets are judged against numerous criteria, including décor and maintenance, cleanliness, accessibility, hand washing and drying equipment and overall management.

Manager of The Court Leet, Lisa Newton, said: "We are delighted with the award. Staff at the pub ensure the toilets are in first-class condition at all times and it is great that this has been recognised by the inspectors."

Mike Bone, managing director of the Loo of the Year Awards 2017, added: "The toilets at The Court Leet have been designed and fitted out to a very high standard and are both clean and well-maintained."

The overall winner of the competition will be announced at the beginning of December.

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Chance to win tickets for Crazy For You at the Liverpool Empire

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THERE'S just two weeks to go until the acclaimed production of the hit musical Crazy For You, starring Tom Chambers as Bobby opens at the Liverpool Empire and the Champion has six pairs of tickets to give away for the show.

The production will play from December 5 to 9.

High energy, high kicking and gloriously glamorous, Crazy For You is the ultimate feel-good musical with a score from the Gershwin brothers' songbook.

Mistaken identities, plot twists, heartbreak, happiness and a wealth of memorable tunes, including I Got Rhythm, They Can't Take That Away From Me, Nice Work If You Can Get It and Embraceable You, all feature in this exhilarating celebration of the great Broadway musicals.

Crazy For You is directed by The Watermill's artistic and executive director, Paul Hart, with musical arrangements by Catherine Jayes. It is choreographed by Nathan M. Wright and is designed by Diego Pitarch. Lighting design is by Howard Hudson with sound design by Tom Marshall.

Tom Chambers created the role of Jerry Travers in the West End musical Top Hat, for which he was nominated for an Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Musical. His other stage credits include a recent UK tour of Private Lives and White Christmas in the West End.

Tom Chambers in Crazy For You

Tom's TV credits include the BBC dramas Holby City and Waterloo Road. He also won the sixth season of Strictly Come Dancing in 2008.

To be in with a chance of winning the tickets answer this question.

Q. Which show was Tom Chambers in when he was nominated for an Olivier?

Answers to Crazy For You Competition, Champion newspapers, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 OQA. Tickets must be taken on Tuesday, December 5.

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Amateur Dramatics Society are getting ready for their panto

IT'S panto time again as Mawdesley Amateur Dramatics Society presents a new version of the classic story of King Arthur to take the audience on a magical trip into a world of knights, wizards and adventure as one of the nation's favourite legends is given a panto twist.

Written by MADS members Emma Meen and Adrian Barradell the panto tells the story of young trainee knight Arthur whom his teacher Merlin the Wise believes to be destined for greatness.

But the evil sorceress Morgana has other ideas and wants her son Mordred to become king. Will Morgana succeed? Or will Arthur with the help of the other trainee knights defeat her? Who are Lancelot and Lancelittle? Will Chester get his dream job as the court jester? Where does Dame Polly get her hats? To find out don't miss this year's MAD panto.

Director Emma Meen said: "This year's show promises fun for all the family and is packed with action, gags, slapstick, singing, cheering (and booing!), dance routines, lots of colourful costumes, a friendly dragon, and maybe even a horse or two!"

The cast of King Arthur

King Arthur will be showing at Mawdesley Village Hall on Thursday, November 30, Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2 at 7.30pm, with a matinee on the Saturday at 2pm. Tickets are £8 Adults and £4 Children and are available via the website www.madsociety.co.uk as well as the Spar in Mawdesley.

For more information on this production or joining MADS visit the website www.madsociety.co.uk or email them at mawdesleydrama@yahoo.co.uk

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The Ice Slide is a big attraction at the festival

Ice Festival returns to Pier Head for sixth time

LIVERPOOL'S Christmas Ice Festival has opened at the Pier Head with some festive-themed activities for families to enjoy.

The sixth annual event, which opened on Friday, November 17 and will now run until January 7, is complete with an ice rink that's 25% bigger than last year and a triple-lane Ice Slide.

There's also an enchanted forest-themed Ice Bar, Santa's Grotto, Apres Bar, ferris wheel, the UK's only Ice Jet ride and traditional market stalls.

This year the Ice Bar has an Enchanted Forest theme that includes intrinsically created frozen sculptures that took up to 200 hours to carve in total.

Richard Elmer, Ice Festival Creator, says: "This is the best Ice Bar that we've ever made in the whole six years of bringing the Ice Festival to Liverpool. It's suitable for all the family - definitely not to be missed!"

For more information and prices, visit the website: www.icefestivalliverpool.co.uk

Joey is star of new National Theatre touring production

Thomas Dennis (Albert) and Joey - NT War Horse Tour 2017-2018. Photo by Brinkhoff & Mögenburg

Review by **Henry James**

JOEY is definitely the star of the National Theatre tour of War Horse which is on at the Liverpool Empire until Saturday, December 2.

It takes three men to manoeuvre the life-size War Horse puppet, one for the back legs, one for the front legs and another to guide the character.

Watching the show you forget that it is a puppet and it looks life-like. The actors even make realistic horse noises.

The National Theatre adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's book premiered in London in 2007 and has since been seen on Broadway and across the world. It has also been made into a successful Hollywood film, which was directed by Steven Spielberg.

Jasper Cartwright plays Billy Naracott and is able to show the love he feels for Joey. He also takes the part of Unteroffizer Klebb.

Thomas Dennis is Billy's dad, Albert Naracott, who tries to do the best for his son, but he is flawed. While his mum Rose (Jo Castletown) stands by her husband despite his heavy drinking and gambling.

The sets for the show are minimalistic, however the director has made good use of the vast Empire stage. A back-projected screen provides details of when the action is taking place. It is also used to set the scene and shows the trenches.

Folk music is also a big part of the show as the story is told through song. Bob Fox does a good job here as Song Man.

Humour is used well and it provides light relief to the horrors of trench warfare.

This is a show for young and old and is good at highlighting the futility of war, while also showing the important role horses played in World War One.

9/10

Audiences are invited to step back to 60s for show

THE Sensational 60's Experience is returning to Southport Theatre on Friday, November 24 with a new production for 2017.

Five top names are coming to the stage and they include Mike Pender (the original voice of The Searchers), Chris Farlowe, Herman's Hermits, The Fortunes and The New Amen Corner.

Mike Pender is described as one of the greats to have come out of the Liverpool Beat Boom.

He sings the vocals on Needles and Pins and there are many other recodings that feature Mike's vocals and his 12-string 'jangly' guitar sound that became a feature of The Searchers' recordings.

Mike still tours worldwide performing The Searchers million selling hits such as Sugar and Spice, Sweets For My Sweet, Don't Throw Your Love Away, and When You Walk In The Room.

Chris Farlowe and The Thunderbirds started out in the late fifties. Chris later moved on to perform all over Europe and still does to this day. His hits include classics like Out of Time, Handbags and Glad Rags (which was also released by Rod Stewart as a single), Let The Heartaches Begin and Reach Out I'll Be There.

Herman's Hermits throughout the mid 60s music proved to be a dominating force worldwide. and I'm Into Something Good.

The Fortunes were formed in the 1960's and produced classics such as, You've Got Your Troubles, and Here It Comes Again. The New Amen Corner are a force to be reckoned with on any stage throughout Europe and will keep people entertained with their back catalogue.

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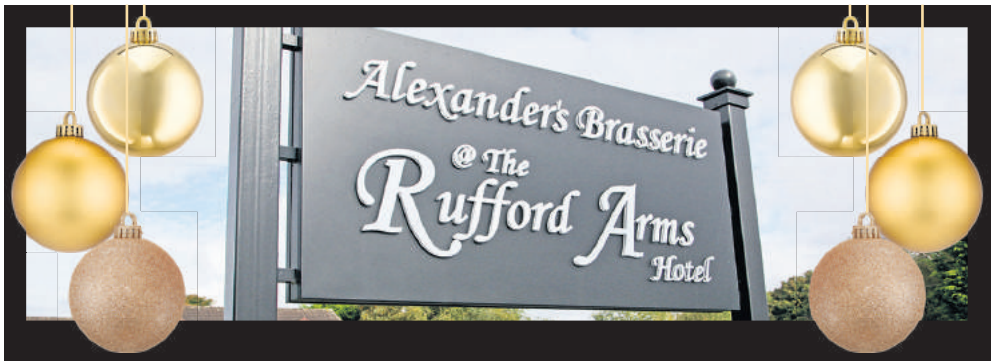

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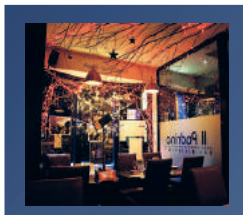

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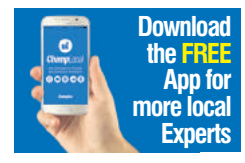
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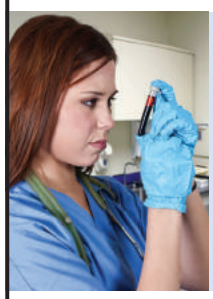

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Licensing Act 2003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I Andrew Hewitt, 120 Abbeywood, Skelmersdale, WN8 9LR have made an application to West Lancs Borough Council for a new Premises Licence for the sale of alcohol from Sunday to Saturday 07.00 until 12.00. Representations to this application must be made in writing by the end of 14th December 2017 to the Licensing Section, West Lancs Borough Council, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale WN8 8EE. The register of licensing applications can be inspected at the above address between 09.00 and 16.00 Monday to Friday or at www.westlancs.govuk. It is an offence on summary conviction, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which is £5000.

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

We Loungers Ltd, Ormskirk Lounge of 22-24 Moor Street, Ormskirk, L39 2AQ have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a new premises licence. The following has been applied for: Sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises only from 10.00 hrs until 23.00 hrs Sunday to Wednesday, 10.00 hrs until 00.00 hrs Thursday to Saturday and 10.00 to 01.00 hrs (following day) on New Year's Eve. Late night refreshment until 23.30 hrs Sunday to Wednesday, 00.30 hrs Thursday to Saturday and 01.30 hrs (following day) on New Year's Eve, all as specified in the application.
The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can be also obtained from the Councils website www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing. Any 'interested Party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before the 12th December 2017 It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone doing so is liable to a fine of £5,000.

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MILLHOUSE BRIAN HENRY

14th November 2017
Died peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

The family would like to thank all who travelled to attend the funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Thanks to Peter Goulding for his kind ministrations. Donations are still being received in memory of Brian for Cancer Research. Also thank you to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors for your kind help during a difficult time.

BEBBINGTON DEREK

The family of the late Derek would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives friends and neighbours for all their messages of condolence sympathy cards and donations for Queenscourt Hospice received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks also to John Milton for the wonderful Funeral Service and Lisa Hunter and team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified Funeral arrangements.

MORRIS BARBARA

The family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours, for the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for Queenscourt Hospice received during their recent sad loss of Barbara. Special thanks to the staff at Queenscourt Hospice, for all their kindness and care, Rev. Andrew Housley for his kind ministrations, Church members and the choir at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe, the teachers & children at Bickerstaffe C.E. School for all their support and to Sally Hunter and Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JACKSON IAN BOWMAN

Ian's family wish to thank relatives, friends and colleagues for their kindness and support and their generous donations to Marie Curie. Special thanks to Ken Howles for a memorable and appropriate service and to F J Gibb Funeral Directors for their dignified and caring funeral arrangements.

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HEDGES ALAN RICHARD (RICHARD)

14th November 2017
Aged 71 years
Passed away peacefully at Parklands Lodge, Southport

Dearly loved Husband of Charmaine, loving Father of Matthew, Tara, Anna and Katy, much loved Grampy to Taylor, Harry, Christopher, Louis and Poppy, and close Brother to Anthony. Richard will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. A true gentleman. Funeral Service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 24th November at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired are being received by Dementia UK. Donations & any enquiries to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

REEDER JOHN

Passed away peacefully on 12th November 2017
Aged 85 years of Southport, formerly of Swindon

Dear Husband of the late Lola, dearly loved Dad of the late Angela, loving Grandad of Laura and Great-Grandad of Henry. Loved and missed by all of his family and friends. Funeral service today, Wednesday 22nd November at St. Peters Church, St. Peters Road, Birkdale 11.00am, followed by Interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery, Ainsdale. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Cancer Research. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tele 01695 424888.

ROBERTS EVELYN

3rd November 2017
Aged 72 years

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ELLIS MURIEL FRANCES

15th November 2017
Passed away peacefully at Asmall Hall Care Home
Aged 86 years
of Aughton

Dearly loved Wife of the late David, loving Sister of Thomas Ashton. Much loved Aunt of Mark & Amanda Ashton. Funeral service at Christ Church, Aughton, on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 11:30am. Followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if so desired to YKids Children's Charity. Donations and further enquiries to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888

GARRITY MAISIE

13th November 2017
Peacefully in Hospital
aged 90 years
of Ormskirk
Formerly of Aughton and Liverpool

The dearly loved Wife of the late Arthur. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H. Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

BAILEY ERIC

18th Nov 2017
Aged 83 years
Peacefully in hospital

Much loved Husband of Mavis. Loving Dad of Lynn and Diane. Father in law to Neil and Paul. Grandad to Amy, Jess and Ben and Great Grandad to Oliver and Isla. Family flowers only by request but donations if desired to Parkinsons UK, Ormskirk Branch. Funeral Service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 29th November at 11.30am. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128 Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997

MALLINSON VIVIENNE MARJORIE

16th November 2017
Aged 78 years

Loving Wife of Tom, Mum to Tara, Danny and Don and Grandma to Callum, Katja, Josie and Oscar. Viv will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 30th November at 1pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The British Lung Foundation. All funeral enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997.

WINSTANLEY BESS

Passed away peacefully at Elm House, Southport on 12th November 2017
Aged 90 years.

Much loved Wife of the late Harry, dearly loved Mum of Alyson and dear Mother-in-law of Mike. Requiem Mass at St. Marie's R.C. Church Southport on Thursday 23rd November at 12.00 noon, followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for St. Marie's R.C. Church. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888.

LYON STANLEY (Stan The Man)

Peacefully at Queenscourt Southport Hospice
on 15th November 2017
aged 89 years

A much loved Husband of the late Rose. Dad to David, Barbara, Alison, Pam and Carolyn, Grandad and Great-Grandad to the family. Funeral service and interment will take place at St Thomas The Martyr, Upholland on Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 1:00pm. All enquiries to R. Banks & Sons (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House 23 Hall Green, Upholland, Wigan Tel: (01695) 622099 www.rbanksandson.co.uk

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On 14th November 2017
Peacefully after a short stay in hospital
Aged 86 Years

Beloved Wife of the late Billy. 'Betty will be sadly missed by all her friends'. Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 23rd November at 11:20am Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and further enquiries please to M Rushton Funeral Directors 100 Marshside Road Southport PR9 9TG Tel: 01704214118

ROWLAND SARAH GLADYS

14th November 2017
Peacefully In Hospital
Aged 91 years

Devoted Mother of Paul, John, Anne and Ruth will be sadly missed by all. Service at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 2:40pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Alzheimers Society C/o H.Leslie Humphrey, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/1072/FUL Erection of 2m high perimeter fence along front of school at Parbold Douglas C Of E Academy, Lancaster Lane, Parbold.

Application No: 2017/1113/FUL Garden store side extension, front porch extension, window alterations and glazed dormer rooflight at 2 Blairgowrie Gardens, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2017/1139/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - Erection of 5 No. dwellings including details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping at Garages To The East Of Arnian Court, Molyneux Road, Aughton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 22nd November 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT974

Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of an Order made under Section 247 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping up of Highway (North West) (No. 75) Order 2017" authorising the stopping up of four irregular shaped part widths of Beechtrees comprising footway, four lengths of unnamed footpaths leading off Beechtrees and three associated unnamed footpaths at Skelmersdale, in the Borough of West Lancashire to enable development as permitted by West Lancashire Borough Council, reference 2016/1149/PND.

Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR or nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk (quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/2596) and may be inspected during normal opening hours at West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2DF.

Any person aggrieved by or desiring to question the validity of or any provision within the Order, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement or regulation made has not been complied with, may, within 6 weeks of **22 November 2017** apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision included.

S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2017/0088
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - VARIATION OF CONDITION 5 OF PERMISSION LCC/2015/0103 TO ALLOW THE INCREASE IN HEIGHT OF THE STOCKPILES FROM 3M TO 5M AT WHITEMOSS HORTICULTURE, NORTH PERIMETER ROAD, KNOWSLEY INDUSTRIAL PARK, KIRKBY

I give notice that Bord na Mona is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

The proposed development is in Greenbelt.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 13 December 2017.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 13 December 2017 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 22 November 2017

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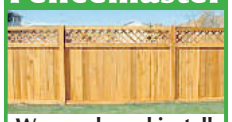

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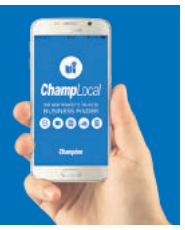

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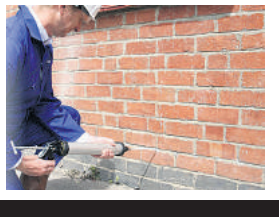

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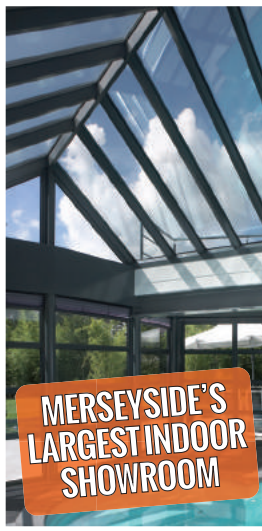

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A SEAT Toledo, a sun-kissed dual carriageway and a few generous dollops of over-confidence are all you need. Forget track days; if you want to experience some on-the-edge motoring just hop into a taxi at Barcelona Airport.

Every time I've ever taken the journey it's been exciting and terrifying in equal measure, because the chap behind the wheel drives like a stunt double from one of the Bourne movies. There's tail-gating, brave overtakes, questionable undertakes and last minute manouveres that'd make an F1 driver wince. I'm never sure whether to give the taxi firm's number to the police or to Red Bull's talent spotters.

Yet it's obvious that someone at SEAT's headquarters – based just up the road from Barcelona, of course – has partaken in a few of these pulse-raising outings too. Because it's just come up with a car that on the face of it aspires to make all of us safer, but is surely engineered entirely with Mediterranean taxi drivers in mind.

On the outset its new experimental car is ostensibly a Leon hatchback but it has no fewer than 19 safety systems on-hand to make sure you don't bin it into the central reservation, which when used in conjunction become what SEAT calls its Guardian Angel mode.

Deep breath. It includes a built-in breathalyser that won't let you start the car if it detects any hints of John Smiths or hears you bigging up some bloke you met two hours earlier as your new best mate; an eye sensor that tracks your peepers to make sure you aren't about to nod off; a voice assistant that gives you a patronising pep talk if you're doing more than thirty, and a system that lets your mum set the speed limit remotely when you're popping to the shops in it. At least that way you can't be grounded for misbehaving in it. Oh, and of course there are black boxes monitoring your every move.

Obviously if all 19 of these high-tech helping hands do make it into every taxi in the whole of Catalunya then I'll be able to depart the airport a bit more confident that I'll make it into Barcelona intact, but I worry if SEAT genuinely thinks this is the future of driving. Don't get me wrong, I'm all for safer driving, but festoon a car with this much mumsy gadgetry and I worry the impression it'll give is that you needn't bother with sharpening up your own skills. Why bother when your Guardian Angel has got things covered?

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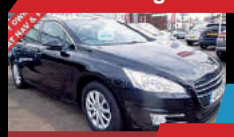

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• FSH
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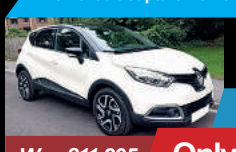

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Impressive Skem put three past promotion hopefuls

Skelmersdale United 3
Ossett Town 0

AN impressive performance from Dave Powell's much-rejuvinated Skem side saw them put three past promotion hopefuls Ossett Town last Saturday, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Skem took the lead on 22 minutes and put in a fine defensive performance that essentially limited Ossett to very little.

They then romped away with the game in the last 15 minutes

It was end to end early on with both sides endeavouring to establish a foothold in the game.

Ossett threatened via a long throw that was twice helped on across the penalty area to the far post where Kai Hancock's rather timid effort was amply dealt with by Skem goalkeeper Lee Callum Roberts.

Skelmersdale centre-forward Andy Owens was twice frustrated by Ossett goalkeeper Leigh Overton before Roberts made a save at the other end from Ashley Jackson.

In the 22nd minute Nathan Randell initially lost his marker, took a touch of the ball then whilst being pushed by a defender coolly steered the ball under an advancing Overton into the net to give Skem the lead.

Having the advantage of a goal seemed to suit Skelmersdale and although Ossett went in search of an equaliser, it was Skem that looked the more likely to score.

Callum Mahoney brought a flying save out of Ossett keeper Overton from 20 yards.

Owens then put a free-kick off target with the best of the Skem moves.

Ossett's highlight was when Alex Peterson put a header on goal that again keeper Roberts made no fuss over keeping out.

The reality was that the Ossett threat petered out midway through the second half and the Skem defence smothered their best efforts.

In the 72nd minute Beven Burey's shot was finger tipped away by keeper Overton and Skem won a corner.

Fleming's corner saw Phil Mooney bring a parry from Overton and the ball ran to Callum Mahoney who slammed the ball into the Ossett net from eight yards to make it 2-0.

Callum Mahoney strikes Skelmersdale's second goal. Picture by John Driscoll

Ossett pressed again and Roberts made his only really important save of the afternoon thwarting Jackson's attempt to lob him.

With six minute left Skelmersdale tied things up with a third goal. Randell played a diagonal ball to Owens, he rounded a defender and put a shot low past Overton.

It was a thoroughly deserved win for Skelmersdale who can now consign any relegation worries to the dustbin. They are now a much better side than that and can look forward to moving up the table.

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Draw stretches unbeaten run to six league games

Atherton Collieries 1
Skelmersdale United 1

IT was a while since Skelmersdale United had played on a Monday night, but it didn't take them long to adjust as they went into the lead in just over two minutes, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Playing on Monday, November 20, Dave Powell's team were forced to show their resolve, finally having to accept a draw via an equaliser eight minutes from time in a game of two halves.

Both teams will no doubt have felt they could have won, but really the result was a fair one.

The Skelmersdale supporters can at least console themselves that the draw stretches their unbeaten run to six and Dave Powell must be a contender for the November league manager of the month award.

The opening goal was missed by any late comers. Left-back Jack Fleming got forward and swung a first time cross into the penalty area and Callum Mahoney ducked out of the way, putting Andy Owens in on goal who finished for his 11th league goal of the season. The first-half wasn't a classic by any means but Skelmersdale controlled it, Atherton not troubling Skem goalkeeper Callum Lee Roberts.

Matters got worse for the hosts when arguably in an attempt to get their side going Atherton made two substitutions on 27 minutes, then lost striker Ryan Salmon five minutes later to a head injury, leaving them with no more substitutes.

The mobile Skem forwards always seemed to have the home defence on the back foot when they attacked even in the second-half when Atherton had far more of the possession.

Skelmersdale are organised well at the back and for a while they needed to be but they are also well versed in the counterattack and on one such move Nathan Randell had a header saved by home goalkeeper Adam Reid.

Skem's Roberts made a good save lowdown from Ben Hardcastle, then former Skelmersdale player Gareth Peet put a scorching shot across the penalty area that rattled the post with the whole Skem defence appearing beaten. Skem's Owens had an audacious tight angled effort tipped over the bar by Reid, then Atherton responded with another identical free-kick move that saw Forbes fire wide of the other upright.

It was an exciting second-half that you couldn't take your eyes off. Phil Mooney cleared one off the Skelmersdale line then Josh Wardle made a magnificent saving tackle.

In the 77th minute the game took another twist when home defender Forbes saw a second yellow and hence red for a rather cynical block on Mahoney.

In the 82nd minute Atherton levelled. The ball was sent into the box from the right and after a near-post challenge the ball found its way to the far post and Hardcastle finished.

With a point in the bag and only having ten men Atherton went on the defensive and Skem pushed on, but not surprisingly tiredness was an issue and they lacked their previous verve and the game finished honours even.

Next up for Skelmersdale is an away trip to Colne this Saturday at 3pm.

Ten man Linnets hit late winner

Barnton 1
Burscough 2

TEN man Burscough won their first away game of the season to boost their chances of getting out of the relegation zone, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The Linnets went into an early lead but this was soon wiped out by a Barnton equaliser, then forward Terry Cummings was given a red card just before half-time and despite facing an uphill task three points were captured with a late goal.

The first away league win of the season lifts Burscough to the brink of leaving the North-West Counties Premier Division relegation zone but perhaps even more vital is that it kept Barnton behind them in the league.

Burscough had started the game well and they took the lead in only the second minute when Adam Gilchrist's shot from 18 yards went under Barnton goalkeeper Robert Cooke on its way into the net.

It was almost 2-0 eight minutes later when Matt Ward's effort was kept out by keeper Cooke, before a Chad Whyte attempt was just off target on the quarter-hour.

However, all the good early work by Burscough was wasted on 18 minutes when Chris Bendell carved out an opening for top scorer Chris Smith and the striker equalised for Barnton despite a strong challenge by Burscough Rex Kimona-Puissance.

It was quite a close encounter for the rest of the half, but on 42 minutes Cummings received a silly second yellow card and Burscough were reduced to ten men.

On 80 minutes Whyte was put into the clear by a neat through ball the big striker moved the ball from right to left foot and then put a well struck strike over keeper Cooke to make it 2-1 to Burscough.

Burscough's next game could be tomorrow (Thursday, November 23) at 7.45pm away at Squires Gate in the Macron Cup – but this is subject to a pitch inspection.

After that they are at home to AFC Darwen this Saturday at 3pm in the league.

They then travel to Padiham on Tuesday, November 28 for a 7.45pm league match.

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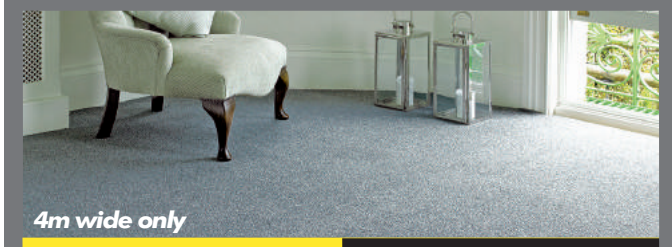

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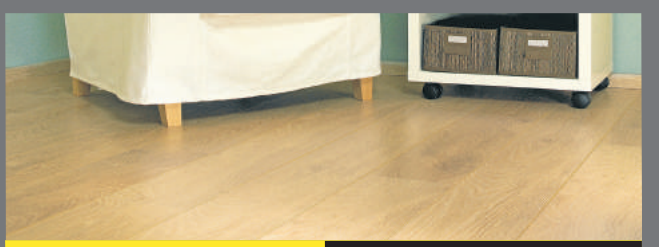

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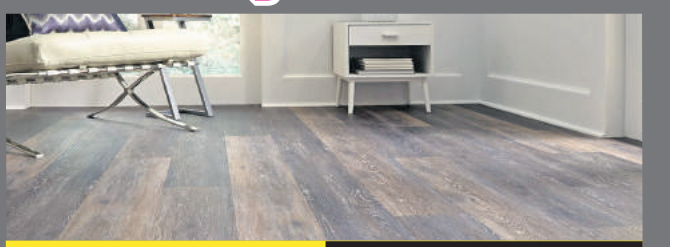

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